

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached Replacement Sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 1 and 7.

Figure 1 shows a plurality of braces with a leader line and an arrow head and number 96 added to it. The braces 96 are shown in phantom and are detachably and temporarily connected to the floor 16, the walls 12, and the roof 14 and to secure the walls 12 in an upright position at appropriate spaced distances when the walls 12 are assembled. The leader line with the arrow head shown in phantom and number 96 are added to the braces 96 shown in phantom. The support for the braces 96 could be found in paragraph [00028], lines 6 through 10 on page 8, as originally filed. In addition, the Applicant added a leader line and a number 92 to show a seam defined between the walls 12 and the floor 16 and a leader line with a number 94 between the walls 12 and the roof 14 to show another seam defined therebetween. A leader line and a number 84 have been deleted from Figure 1. The amendments to Figure 1 more clearly illustrate invention as originally claimed.

Figure 7 shows a leader line and number 86a are added to one of the opening defined by each air duct 86 to indicate inlet ducts and a leader line and number 86b are added to another opening defined by each air duct 86 to indicate outlet ducts. As originally filed, the inlet and outlet ducts have been shown in Figure 7. The support for the air duct 86 could be found in paragraph [00031] on page 8. The amendments to Figure 7 are made to more clearly illustrate invention as originally claimed and in accordance with MPEP 2163.06 to merely clarify the embodiments described therein.

This sheet, which includes Figures 1 and 7, replaces the original sheet including Figures 1 and 7.

REMARKS

After entry of the present amendment claims 1-42 will be pending in the application. Claims 2, 11 and 13 are currently amended to more clearly define the invention as originally claimed. New claims 23 through 42 are added with claims 23 and 33 written in independent format to cover allowable subject matter of previously submitted dependent claims 3 and 7.

Specification

The specification has been amended in accordance with MPEP 2163.06 to merely clarify the embodiments described therein and to coincide with the amendments to the claims. No new matter is being introduced.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Applicant has amended Figure 1 to render this objection moot. In particular, the Applicant added Figure 1 shows a plurality of braces with a leader line and an arrow head and number 96 added to it. The braces 96 are shown in phantom and are detachably and temporally connected to the floor 16, the walls 12, and the roof 14 and to secure the walls 12 in an upright position at appropriate spaced distances when the walls 12 are assembled. A leader line and a number 84 have been deleted from Figure 1. To more clearly illustrate the invention as originally depicted in Figure 7, the Applicant added a leader line and number 86a are added to one of the opening defined by each air duct 86 to indicate inlet ducts and a leader line and number 86b are added to another opening defined by each air duct 86 to indicate outlet ducts.

The amendments to Figures 1 and 7 are made to more clearly illustrate invention as originally claimed and in accordance with MPEP 2163.06 to merely clarify the embodiments described therein.

Claims

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Dependent claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter as originally claimed and as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationship of elements. The Applicant has amended the dependent claim 2 to render this rejection moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Independent claim 1 and the dependent claims 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Lacoste, III Patent Reference (United States Patent No. 3,851,427). The Applicant respectfully submits that, as originally claimed, the independent claim 1 overcomes this rejection. United States Patent No. 3,851,427 ***does not teach or suggest*** “an oven having a roof, side walls, and a floor having a length and a width with the floor formed from abutting floor panels reinforced by a plurality of support members spaced along a length of said floor”. Specifically, the United States Patent No. 3,851,427 ***does not teach or suggest*** the support members that extend across the width of the oven module with each support member having a length that exceeds the width of the oven to provide ample structural support to the oven.

An oven 10, taught by the United States Patent No. 3,851,427, includes floor panels 20 interconnected with side walls 32 and roof panels 16 extending between and interconnected with the side walls 32. The floor panels 20 connected to the side walls 32 on one side of the oven 10 are spaced from the floor panels 20 connected to the side wall on the other side of the oven 10 defining a void portion therebetween, which prevents the oven 10 from being transported between various locations due to absence of support members to

interconnect and support the floor panels 20 and the side walls 32 together. The oven 10 of the United States Patent No. 3,851,427 *does not teach or suggest* a reinforced modular construction of the Applicant's oven wherein the side walls 32 and the floor panels 20 are interconnected by a support members, as shown in Figure 2a of the Applicant's invention.

Independent claim 11 and dependent claims 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Dixon Patent Reference (United States Patent No. 4,731,016). The Applicant has amended the independent claim 11 to more clearly define the invention as originally claimed. As amended, the independent claim 11 is patently distinct from a paint baking oven 10 taught by the Dixon Patent Reference that includes a plurality of oven modules 14 which are self-supporting. Each oven module 14 has a roof 16, side wall panels 18 and a floor defined by two panels 20 spaced one from another to define a channel therebetween. The adjacent modules are connected together by expansion joints 22 and 24. The Dixon Patent Reference *does not teach or suggest* "braces removably attached to the roof, the side wall panels, and the floor to provide structural reinforcement and to enable the paint baking oven 10 to be transported to and from a remote location".

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Dependent claims 17, 18, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Dixon Patent Reference in view of Crompton Patent Reference (United States Patent No. 5,568,692). As amended, the independent claim 11 renders this rejection moot.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 23, and 33 are placed in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth above in reference to claims 1, 11, 23, and 33.

Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2-10, 12-22, 24-32, and 34-42 are also placed in condition for allowance based on their dependency to claims 1, 11, 23, and

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• 33 and the failure of the references to suggest claims 1, 11, 23, and 33.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,
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